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Amendment

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Offered by:
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"AN ACT BANNING THE POSSESSION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND THE IMPORTATION, POSSESSION AND LIBERATION OF WILD ANIMALS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 26-86a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
5 *1, 2009*):

6 (a) The commissioner shall establish by regulation adopted in
7 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 standards for deer
8 management, and methods, regulated areas, bag limits, seasons and
9 permit eligibility for hunting deer with bow and arrow, muzzleloader
10 and shotgun, except that no such hunting shall be permitted on
11 Sunday. No person shall hunt, pursue, wound or kill deer with a
12 firearm without first obtaining a deer permit from the commissioner in
13 addition to the license required by section 26-27. Application for such
14 permit shall be made on forms furnished by the commissioner and

15 containing such information as he may require. Such permit shall be of
16 a design prescribed by the commissioner, shall contain such
17 information and conditions as the commissioner may require, and may
18 be revoked for violation of any provision of this chapter or regulations
19 adopted pursuant thereto. As used in this section, "muzzleloader"
20 means a rifle or shotgun of at least forty-five caliber, incapable of firing
21 a self-contained cartridge, which uses powder, a projectile, including,
22 but not limited to, a standard round ball, mini-balls, maxi-balls and
23 Sabot bullets, and wadding loaded separately at the muzzle end and
24 "rifle" means a long gun the projectile of which is six millimeters or
25 larger in diameter. The fee for a firearms permit shall be fourteen
26 dollars for residents of the state and fifty dollars for nonresidents,
27 except that any nonresident who is an active full-time member of the
28 armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, may purchase a firearms
29 permit for the same fee as is charged a resident of the state. The
30 commissioner shall issue, without fee, a private land deer permit to the
31 owner of ten or more acres of private land and the husband or wife,
32 parent, grandparent, sibling and any lineal descendant of such owner,
33 provided no such owner, husband or wife, parent, grandparent, sibling
34 or lineal descendant shall be issued more than one such permit per
35 season. Such permit shall allow the use of a rifle, shotgun,
36 muzzleloader or bow and arrow on such land from November first to
37 December thirty-first, inclusive. Deer may be so hunted at such times
38 and in such areas of such state-owned land as are designated by the
39 Commissioner of Environmental Protection and on privately owned
40 land with the signed consent of the landowner, on forms furnished by
41 the department, and such signed consent shall be carried by any
42 person when so hunting on private land. The owner of ten acres or
43 more of private land may allow the use of a rifle to hunt deer on such
44 land during the shotgun season. The commissioner shall determine, by
45 regulation, the number of consent forms issued for any regulated area
46 established by said commissioner. The commissioner shall provide for
47 a fair and equitable random method for the selection of successful
48 applicants who may obtain shotgun and muzzleloader permits for
49 hunting deer on state lands. Any person whose name appears on more

50 than one application for a shotgun permit or more than one
51 application for a muzzleloader permit shall be disqualified from the
52 selection process for such permit. No person shall hunt, pursue,
53 wound or kill deer with a bow and arrow without first obtaining a
54 bow and arrow permit pursuant to section 26-86c. "Bow and arrow" as
55 used in this section and in section 26-86c means a bow with a draw
56 weight of not less than forty pounds. The arrowhead shall have two or
57 more blades and may not be less than seven-eighths of an inch at the
58 widest point and the arrow shall be labeled with the hunter's name
59 and license number. No person shall carry firearms of any kind while
60 hunting with a bow and arrow under said sections."